

EXCISE LEGISLATION IS ENDANGERED BY LACK OF INTEREST

Senate District Committee
Unable to Meet Because
of No Quorum.

The new excise legislation for the District of Columbia at this session is endangered by the lack of interest on the part of members of the Senate District Committee, together with indifference to the liquor question on the part of a great political campaign, is strongly indicated.

Today the Senate District Committee was expected to meet and consider the bill lately framed by a subcommittee changing the excise regulations here. Had the meeting been held, the expectation was that the bill would have been reported out, or at least that progress would have been made today on a report.

A quorum of the committee was not present, however, and nothing was done. The result is that action on the excise question is delayed another week. Another effort will be made by Chairman Gallinger to get a meeting of the committee next Friday. A special attempt will then be made to get a quorum.

The friends of excise legislation at this session are much concerned over the lack of interest displayed. They fear the measure will be allowed to drag along in committee until so late in the session that nothing can be done. There at the meeting today were Senators Gallinger, Curtis, Jones, Works, Johnston, and Smith, of Maryland. Several of the members of the committee are out of the city on political matters, and this makes the situation more difficult for obtaining a quorum.

The situation on the whole is not favorable either for the excise legislation or for other important measures. Now that the public utilities bill has been reported, it will doubtless go through the Senate, and legislation may be hoped for before the session ends. But as to other important district matters which are still in committee the outlook is not so bright, and if there is an adjournment in June it will doubtless be found impossible to get quorums together.

BARBERS IN COUNTY MAY WORK SUNDAY

Commissioners Learn Law Does
Not Apply to Suburban Tonsorial Artists.

If a man wants to be shaved in Washington or Georgetown on Sunday, he must shave himself. The barber shops are closed by law. But a resident of the county may receive the attentions of a tonsorial artist on the Sabbath without fear that his shave will be interrupted by the arrest of the barber. In other words, the law prohibiting the opening of barber shops on Sunday applies only to the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and not to the entire District.

This condition of affairs was brought to the attention of the authorities recently by the arrest of a barber in the county for shaving a patron on Sunday. He was discharged in the Police Court, but warned not to do it again.

Thereupon one of his customers wrote to the Commissioners asking why this particular barber should be prohibited from the conduct of his business on Sunday when other barber shops in the county are open. The Commissioners referred the question to the Corporation Counsel, who has informed them that the law providing for Sunday closing applies only to the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

A conference will be held by the Commissioners to decide on legislation which will apply to the entire District, but until this is obtained the county barber may ply his trade every day in the week without fear of interruption.

Indiana Society Will Give Banquet Tonight

The annual banquet of the Indiana Society will be held at the New Ebbitt House tonight at 8 o'clock. Among those who will appear are Senators Kern and Shively of Indiana and Works of California; Congressman Crumpacker of Indiana; Chief Justice of the Court of Claims Stanton J. Peelle; James F. Stutesman, Dr. Barton W. Everman, of the Bureau of Fisheries; the Rev. Earle Wiley, and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. J. O. Lambert, president of the society, will preside.

Remains Sent Home.

The body of Miss Frances S. Henshaw, who ended her life yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas in her room, in the Brunswick apartment house, will be taken to Cumberland, Md., for interment tomorrow. Miss Henshaw, who was dependent over the recent death of her mother, is survived by a brother, William H. Henshaw.

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SEATON'S SANITY TO BE DETERMINED

Judge Barley Appoints Lunacy Commission for Young
Man Accused of Robbery—Old Deed Recorded In
Clerk of Corporation's Office.

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Judge Barley this morning designated a commission composed of Drs. William M. Smith, Arthur Snowden, and M. D. Delaney to determine the sanity of William P. Seaton, the young Washingtonian who was recently indicted on a charge of robbery. On the night of December 26, Seaton terrorized several merchants on King street, besides shooting at Chief of Police Goods and Officer Campbell. Soon after his arrest there was reason to doubt his sanity. The commission will meet next Friday.

The specific charge in the indictment against Seaton was the robbery of George Pappas, clerk in a luncheon room at King and Washington streets. On the night in question, Seaton ordered a dinner after eating which he told Pappas to throw up his hands, and at the point of a revolver, robbed the cash register. Discharging his revolver in the air, he then ran up King street, and disappeared. About three hours later, Goods and Campbell found him hiding in the vicinity of the St. Elmo electric car station. Seaton fired once at the chief, which was returned by Campbell, who made the man drop his revolver and submit to arrest.

Seaton, who is about twenty-three years old, was at one time employed in the circulation department of several Washington newspapers. Luther Hastings got his left hand caught in a flooring machine in the mill of W. A. Smoot & Co., at about 7:30 o'clock this morning. The hand, with the exception of the thumb, was completely severed. The young man was operating the machine at the time, when his hand slipped, catching in the saw. He was removed to Alexandria Hospital, where treatment was administered by Dr. Hugh McGuire.

The last of the property holdings of the defunct Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation will be disposed of tomorrow, when Gardner Booth of this city, representing the commissioners of sale, appointed by the court, will sell a tract of 12 lots in the city of Newport News. The funds derived will be added to the assets of the

firm, now in the hands of the receiver, and will later be included in a dividend to be made the depositors.

The annual visit of District Deputy Grand Master Charles H. Callahan was made to Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons last night. Addresses were made by Mr. Callahan and several local members of the order.

Suffering from a bullet wound in his left leg, Clifford Terry, aged twelve, was brought from his home in Del Ray last night to Alexandria Hospital. The lad had found a cartridge, and striking it with an ax, the bullet lodged in his limb. He was treated by Drs. S. R. Moore and R. J. Yates.

An offer has been made to Prof. William E. Anderson, principal of the Alexandria High School, of the principalship of the Blue Ridge School, an educational institute of the Episcopal Church, located in Greene county, Va. Mr. Anderson has the matter under consideration.

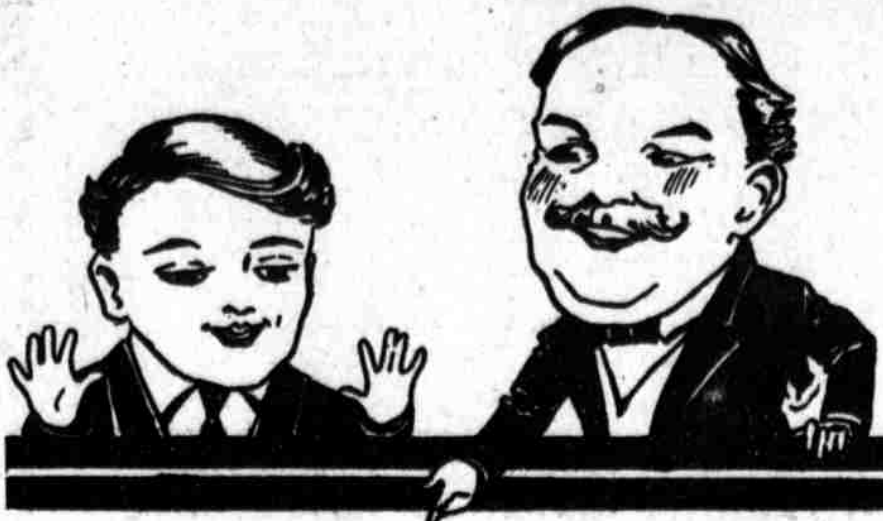
A deed half a century old was entered on record in the office of Nevill S. Greenaway, clerk of the corporation court, yesterday afternoon. It conveys the house and lot on the east side of Fayette, between King and Prince streets, from Elisha Jones to Edward Jones. It was made in 1862, and recently, in making an examination into the title of the property, it was discovered that the paper had never been recorded. It was found among some old papers.

A verdict for the defendant was entered in corporation court yesterday in the suit of Angus King against the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. King sought damages in the sum of \$100 for the delay in transmission of a message. Judgments for the plaintiffs were also found in the suit of Stuart Simpson against Thomas Catlin and the Rockwell Furnace Company against the Emerson Steam Pump Company.

The State corporation commission has granted a charter to the Stone Land Company, Incorporated, of Alexandria, for the purpose of engaging in a real estate business. The capital is given at \$15,000.

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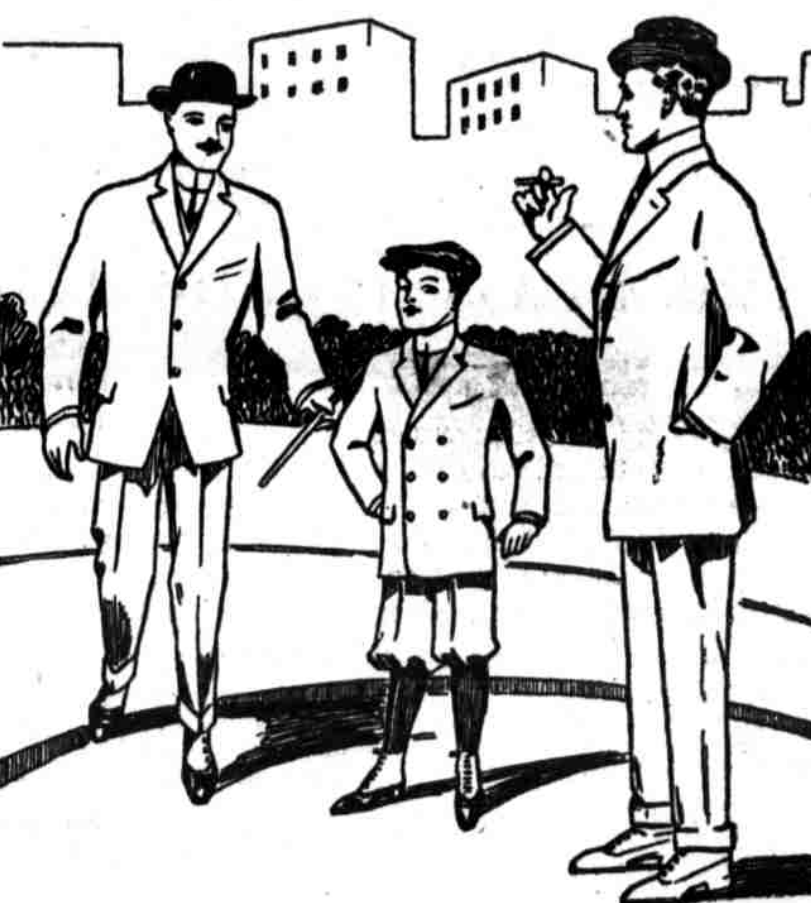
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